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49/97. Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/201 of 21 December 1990, 46/207 of 20 December 1991, 47/184 of 22 December 1992 and 48/54 of 10 December 1993, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare reports on institutional developments, taking into account all relevant proposals related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade,

Welcoming the progress made by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the implementation of the outcome of its eighth session, in particular the positive results of the mid-term review of the work programme,

Welcoming also the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations at the Ministerial Meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee, held at Marrakesh, Morocco, from 12 to 15 April 1994, in particular the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, 1/

1/ See Legal Instruments Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994 (GATT secretariat publication, Sales No. GATT/1994-7), vols. 1 and 27-31.

Taking note of the Declaration of the Trade and Development Board on the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 2/

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade, 3/

Recognizing that there should be constructive and effective cooperation between the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Trade Organization, based on their complementary functions,

1. Notes the ongoing exchange of views between the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on the issue of establishing a relationship between the United Nations and the World Trade Organization;

2. Urges all Governments, competent regional economic integration organizations and the executive heads of the competent specialized agencies and of other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue to present their views to the Secretary-General on institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on further institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade and, in preparing that report, to solicit the views of all Governments, competent regional economic integration organizations and the executive heads of the competent specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system on institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade.

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2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/49/15), vol. II, chap. I, sect. A, decision 416 (XLI).

3/ A/49/363.